

Fact Sheet 10: Northern Statistical Division

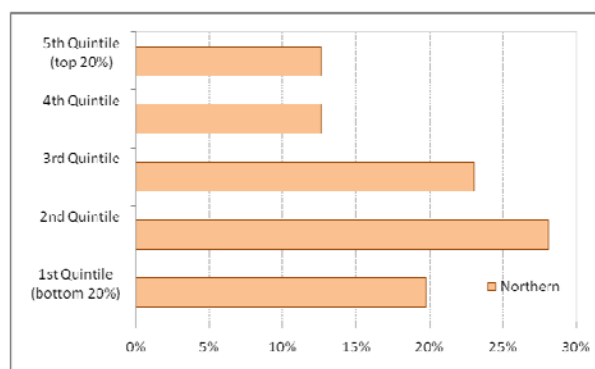
| Northern Statistical Division | | Total | Quintile 1 |
|---|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|
| | <i>Usual Resident Population</i> | | 196,669 |
| <i>Census Collection Districts</i> | | 395 | 77 |
| <i>Statistical Local Areas</i> | | 36 | 6 |
| <i>Area (sq km)</i> | | | 80,039 |
| <i>Density</i> | | | 2.46 persons per sq km |
| <i>Remoteness Area 2006 of Quintile 1 CDs</i> | | | Outer R, Remote, V Remote |

Overview

In 2006, the Northern SD had a population of 196,669 which is approximately 5% of Queensland's total population. The region's overall weighted average SEIFA IRSD score was 993. **Figure1 (a) and (b)** and **Table1** illustrate the Northern SD distribution of CDs and CD population by quintiles.

Figure1. Proportion of CDs in Northern SD by IRSD Quintiles

(a) Proportion of CDs in Northern SD by IRSD Quintiles



(b) Proportion of CD Population in Northern SD by IRSD Quintiles

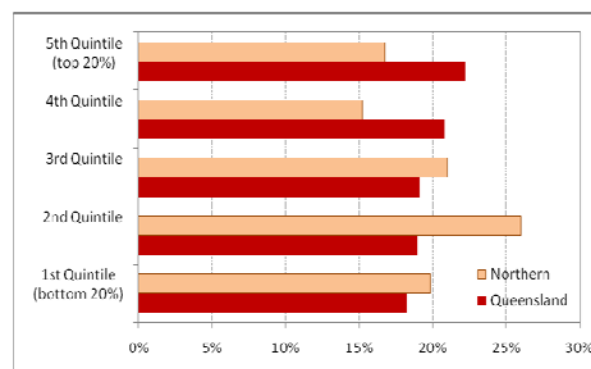


Table1. Total Number of CDs and Population in the Northern SD by IRSD Quintiles

| | Total | Total with IRSD Score | Proportion by IRSD Quintiles (%) | | | | | Total CDs with no IRSD Score |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | | Relatively most disadvantaged | | | | Relatively least disadvantaged | |
| | | | 1 bottom 20% | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 top 20% | |
| CDs | 395 | 379 | 78 | 111 | 91 | 50 | 50 | 16 |
| | | | 20% | 28% | 23% | 13% | 13% | 4% |
| Population in CDs | 196,669 | 194,245 | 39,028 | 51,048 | 41,331 | 29,954 | 32,884 | 2,424 |
| | | | 20% | 26% | 21% | 15% | 17% | 1% |
| Average IRSD Score for CDs | | 993 | 881 | 966 | 1,011 | 1,048 | 1,103 | - |

About 20% of the population in the Northern SD was located in the most disadvantaged CDs in Quintile 1 equalling 39,028 people. A further 51,048 people lived in Quintile 2 areas.

Location of the Most Relatively Disadvantaged Groups by SLA and LGA

The Northern SD includes 36 SLAs of which 6 SLAs had low IRSD scores in Quintile 1 as follows:

- The Aboriginal Shire Council SLA of Palm Island (S) (consisted of one whole CD) had the lowest IRSD score of 480 in Queensland. It was ranked as the number one most relatively disadvantaged SLA.
- Other Northern SLAs that are considered the most disadvantaged in the area were:
 - Garbutt; Vincent, Stuart-Roseneath, Charters Towers (C), Heatley.

The following LGAs also contained CDs located in Quintile 1: Burdekin Shire Council, Charters Towers Regional Council, Hinchinbrook Shire Council and Townsville City Council.